

South Dakota CATTLE ON FEED

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CATTLE ON FEED INVENTORY UP FROM SEPTEMBER

SIOUX FALLS, October 15, 1999 -- South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 111,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on October 1, according to the USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. The October 1 number is up 1,000 head from a month earlier but down 25,000 from a year ago.

Placements during September totaled 32,000 head, up 11,000 head from August but down 9,000 head from last year.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 30,000 head, down 5,000 head from August but up 2,000 head from last year.

Other disappearance during September totaled 1,000 head, the same as August, and a year earlier.

Steer and steer calves totaled 62,000 head, 56 percent of the total cattle on feed. **Heifer and heifer calves** totaled 45,000 head, 40 percent of the total cattle on feed. **Bulls and cows** totaled 4,000 head, accounting for 4 percent of the total cattle on feed.

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